

**Casino Bay Marina – Public Meeting
September 7, 2006
Questions and Answers**

Will the jetty/peninsula be cleaned out?

Yes, the Department is planning on thinning out the trees and vegetation as well as cleaning up other materials in the area such as concrete pieces, etc.

[December 2006 Update – This project is currently scheduled for winter of 2006]

If you enhance the beach area, who will be responsible for management to control late night parties, noise, fires, etc.?

The Department is looking at the possible options and determining which one would be the best fit. Those options include: concessionaire responsible for management of the area, discussion with law enforcement bureau regarding seasonal water's aide position at the marina, making it a satellite of a staffed park, working with city or county regarding possible partnership.

[December 2006 Update – At this time, the beach project is not part of the 2007 construction project.]

Will you still be able to fish from the jetty/peninsula?

Yes, there will still be access available for fishing. You may have to park your vehicle further away and walk to the peninsula. Slip renters will have the ability to use the locked gate after hours.

Are you going to do something on the peninsula?

Yes, as additional funding is available, a picnic shelter and enhanced beach will be developed to create additional day-use recreational opportunities.

Will there be additional work done on the remaining rocks from the island removal as boats are hitting them?

Yes, the Department is working on getting the rocks removed from the bay that pose a problem for boating. The work is scheduled for this fall/winter.

Are there any future plans for additional dredging of the bay to make it deeper?

The goal was to have a depth in the range of 6-8 feet deep. This has been accomplished and there aren't any plans at this time for additional dredging of the marina. The dredging took out the silt to the clay bottom and we do not remove the clay.

Will there be public hunting allowed on the property?

Hunting will not be allowed on the property due to the small size of the property, limited habitat and 200 yard requirement from occupied structures.

Will there be additional access to the marina besides the road?

The Department has not been involved in any discussions with the city or county regarding a future bike trail. If a trail makes it around the lake, we would like to connect the marina to the trail.

How tall with the landscape buffer be?

The final landscaping plans have not been completed. It is anticipated that there will be a variety of trees, shrubs and native grasses/forbs that will be used to complement the property and provide people an aesthetically pleasing view.

Will people be able to drive their vehicles out from the boat ramps to go ice fishing?

Yes, people are allowed to drive off public boat ramps to ice fish at their own risk. Individuals are responsible for determining if the ice is thick enough to drive on safely. The aerator near the dredge, tug boat, and associated equipment may affect ice thickness in the vicinity of the boat ramps, depending on weather.

When do we have to get our hoists out?

In order to start to do some of the construction, we would like to have hoists removed sometime in mid-October.

Where will the hoists be stored during construction?

The Department is working with a local landowner across the road from the marina to lease land in order to provide off-season storage of hoists for this winter and for winter 2007. The area would also be available for seasonal trailer storage.

Will we be able to store hoists on the state marina property once construction is done?

Yes, it is our goal to be able to provide winter storage of hoists and summer storage of trailers at the marina. As demand grows and land is limited, the concession operator may need to look for additional storage space off site in the future.

Will I be able to use my own hoists with the new docking system?

Yes, it should be possible to continue to use your hoists as long as they work with the docking system that is purchased. We want to hear your thoughts about a fixed docking system versus a floating dock system.

Will my hoist be able to stay on my slip in the bay year-round?

Yes, we believe that the hoists and docking system will be able to stay in the bay year-round.

Will there be a security gate on the marina docks similar to Nebraska State Parks?

It is our desire to have some sort of security gate available on the docking system. Slip renters would either have a key code or key card to use to gain after-hours access to their vessel. Additionally, the Department is looking at a gating system on the roadway to limit vehicle traffic on the east side of the marina "after-hours". Slip renters would be able to enter a code to open the gate to park their vehicles by the marina.

Will the docks and other facilities be handicap accessible?

Yes, there will be accessible docks and the concession building will be handicap accessible.

Will the dock system be floating or fixed?

The decision has not been made. At this time the Department is leaning toward a fixed docking system utilizing hoists. We would like to hear from slip renters what their thoughts are. The Department will also be speaking with a variety of dock vendors to help determine the best configuration/structure for our marina.

[December 2006 Update – A fixed docking system is planned and will be bid out this winter.]

What is the law about being able to fuel boats from your slip versus fueling your boat at a gas pump?

The state fire marshal has regulations regarding this function. At this time, the Department has not determined if we would pursue the feasibility of allowing individuals to fuel boats from their rental slip.

Will there be additional slips other than the 60-slip docking structure.

Yes, there will be space available for additional shoreline slips.

[December 2006 Update – There will be a total of 80 slips available by Memorial Day weekend. Twelve will be shoreline slips.]

Will the rent go up on the slips with the purchase of new docks and renovation of the marina?

Traditionally, the concession operator set the slip rental fees. If the Department purchases all docks, it would like to work with the concession operator regarding any rate changes. It is possible the rates could change.

What will happen to some of these hoists that have been in the water for 12-14 years? Will they be able to be moved?

Until the hoists are pulled out, it is not known what the condition of the hoists will be. Any repairs will be the responsibility of the hoist owner.

Who will be responsible for an expenses associated with moving the hoists in the marina bay?

Hoist owners will be responsible for any moving expenses.

Will there be slips available next year?

Yes, the Department is working on providing 60 slips for next year.

Will there be a place to get gas next summer?

Yes, the Department has proposed a phased construction schedule to allow the concession operation to be open next year. Gas will be available.

What are the plans for the restaurant?

The Department intends on building a shell for the restaurant. It will be up to the successful concession operator to finish and furnish the facility and determine when it will be open.

[December 2006 Update – The final determination has not been made as to whether or not the restaurant “shell” will be included due to funding limitations and concern regarding its viability.]

Are the funds committed for this project?

The funds are committed for Phase 1 of this project which includes:

- New docking system and power to docks
- New concession building [boat display, concession/convenience store items, (restaurant shell?)]
- Storage and boat repair building
- Play beach near concession building
- Gas docks
- Courtesy docking
- Fishing piers
- Fish cleaning dock station?
- New parking, sidewalks and roads
- New boat ramps
- New sewer and electric
- Landscaping

Funds for Phase 2 and 3 have not been secured.